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SUBJECT: CONTROL OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

1. DAGENS NYHETER, ONE OF SWEDEN'S LARGEST NEWSPAPERS CARRIED AN OARTICLE JULY 9 BY ITS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT COVERING THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE IN GENEVA TO TAHE EFFECT THAT SWEDEN MIGHT PROPOSE A NEW INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THE CONTROL OF NUCLEAR HEXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, SUCH A PROPOSAL "COULD COME FROM SWEDISHQUARTERS PERHAPS DURING THE SESSION WHICH ENDS IN AUGUST." NO FORMAL PROPOSAL HAS BEEN WORKED OUT, BUT THE IDEA COULD BE PRESENTED TO THE

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CONFERENCE.

2. TWO REASONS ARE ADVANCED FOR SUCH PROPOSAL: (A) CURRENT NPT, ALTHOUGH PROVIDING FOR PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, HAS NEVER BEEN USED BY ANY COUNTRY FOR THAT SPECIFIC PURPOSE, AND (B) INDIAN TEST, OSTENSIBLY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, ABOUT WHICH THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE COULD DO NO MORE THAN ACCEPT THE FACT. ARTICLE SPECULATES THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT MIGHT REDUCE TEMPTATION BY OTHER COUNTRIES TO ACQUIRE THEIR OWN "NUCLEAR CHARGE CAPACITY WHICH COULD BE DEVELOPED INTO A NUCLEAR WEAPON."

3. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE US AND THE USSR ENTERING "INTO A SPECIAL AGREEMENT ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS."

4. COMMENT: THE ARTICLE IS SPECULATIVE IN NATURE AND CAUTIOUS IN TONE. IT SEEMS TO REFLECT SWEDEN'S (A) NORMAL PREOCCUPATION WITH INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT PROBLEMS, (B) RECOGNITION OF NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR ALL PURPOSES, AND (C) DESIRE TO PLAY A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS. ARTICLE V OF THE "TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS" SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSES THE SUBJECT OF PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. THE PROVISIONS OF THAT ARTICLE, IF FOLLOWED BY THE SIGNATORIES, WOULD SEEM TO OBTAIN THE NEED FOR A SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THE CONTROL OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. JOHNSON

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